

GROWN UP SHOTS

Immunize for Life Adult Immunization Program

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Immunization Program Updates

Over 150 providers have enrolled so far in the 2008-09 adult flu program. If your practice hasn't enrolled yet, you still have time – until June 30th

When logging on, use the digits of your AF number as your user ID (1st box) and the digits of your physician's license number as your password.

Remember to order in doses, not vials.

Once you have enrolled, don't forget to fax your *Agreement to Participate* to us at 222.3805.

If you still have flu vaccine, call The Wellness Company at 490.0942. They will send you out a postage-paid box to use to return it to them.

Some practices have not yet sent in their final inventories and health plan tracking/tally sheets. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

Immunization Quiz

Answer true or false

1. Mild illness is a reason to withhold vaccination.
2. If a mother is breastfeeding, she shouldn't be vaccinated.
3. A child's temperature should be checked routinely before vaccinations are administered.
4. A pregnancy test should be performed routinely for adolescent females before giving them MMR or varicella vaccines.
5. If there is an immunosuppressed child in the household, siblings should be given MMR and varicella vaccines on schedule.
6. If the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine was given more than one year ago, and no subsequent doses were given, you should repeat the first dose.
7. MMR and varicella vaccines can be given to a child whose mother is pregnant.
8. When a teen or adult has an injury and needs protection against tetanus, Td or Tdap is the correct vaccine choice, not Tt (tetanus toxoid) alone.
9. All healthcare workers who have contact with patients and who have no contraindications should receive influenza vaccine every year.

(Answers to the immunization quiz will appear in next month's edition!)

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Joke of the Issue

"Dr Hunter," complained the elderly patient, "when I get up in the morning I feel quite faint - and it lasts for up to an hour. What do you suggest?"

"Hmmm," said the doctor, thoughtfully stroking his chin. "How about getting up an hour later?"

